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SUBJ: TRANSIT TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS-TELTOW CANAL

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1. AFTER DISCUSSION AMONG ALLIED POLADS, FRENCH ADVISED SENAT MARCH 24 THAT ALLIES DID NOT SEE URGENCY IN SENAT'S RESPONSE TO GDR ON TELTOW CANAL NEGOTIATIONS BEING SENT

SAME DAY (MARCH 24) AS GAUS-NIER DISCUSSIONS OPENED. FRENCH ALSO ADVISED SENAT THAT ALLIES ENIVSAGE BEING IN POSITION TO GIVE FORMAL AUTHORIZATION TO SENAT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR ON TELTOW CANAL ONLY AFTER RECEIVING SOME CLARIFICATIONS ON SENAT AND FRG OBJECTIVES IN EXERCISE, PARTICULARLY ON DEGREE TO WHICH THEY EXPECT GDR TO ACCEPT DISTINCTION BETWEEN TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF REOPENING CANAL AND QUESTION OF WHETHER ITS TRAFFIC IS TO COME WITHING REGIME OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT.

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2. COMMENT: ALLIES WERE CONCERNED THAT SENAT COULD BE

DRAGGED TOO DEEPLY INTO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD QUICKLY PASS BEYOND TECHNICAL LEVEL UNLESS THERE WAS FIRMER INDICATION THAN HITHERTO RECEIVED THAT FRG HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS AT GAUS-NIER LEVEL IN GETTING GDR TO ACCEPT TWO-TIER NEGOTIATING CONCEPT. ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CLARIFICATION TO COME AS RESULT OF GAUS-NIER TALKS CAN ALSO BE USED TO GOOD PURPOSE BY ALLIES TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY WHAT SPECIAL ALLIED CONCERNS IN TELTOW CANAL NEGOTIATION ARE AND HOW SPECIFIC OR GENERAL ALLIES SHOULD BE IN PROVIDING SENAT WITH NEGOTIATING AUTHORIZATION.GEORGE

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